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PRESS RELEASE/PSA

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Catawba County Child Support Program_Releases 12 Most Wanted Non-Supporting Parents

Non-supporting parents can run, but they cannot hide in Catawba County. The Child Support program just released the latest 12 Most Wanted Non-Supporting Parents poster for Catawba County. The posters will be circulated throughout Catawba and neighboring counties in the hopes of tracking down these non-providing parents.

The Most Wanted program began in 1996 and it continues to be an effective tool to help locate non-supporting parents. The parents featured are only 12 of those who the Child Support program has had difficulty locating for some time. Among other reasons, the non-supporting parent may be difficult to locate is they have no official employment on record or if they move around.

In addition to being posted around the area, the posters are distributed to the Catawba County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sobotkin, who works closely with the Child Support division, says that one of the primary benefits of the Most Wanted campaign is that "it calls attention to the fact that child support is being enforced."

The Child Support program of the Catawba County Department of Social Services has long been committed to helping custodial parents to collect child support. However, due to new legislation, non-payment of child support will no longer be enforced through the clerk of courts, making the services of the Child Support division even more important than ever.

The services of the Child Support program are open to any custodial parent with child support needs in Catawba County, regardless of income. The Child Support program has a collection rate of about 73%. They have many tools available to them to help locate and gain payment from non-

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supporting parents. Tools available to help collect include the ability to withhold income, intercept state

and federal taxes, put a hold on a passport, and possibly even get licenses of any kind suspended. Most

cases do not require harsh measures that would restrict employment, since the goal is to collect owed

child support from the offender's income. Catawba County consistently ranks in the top 10 counties in

North Carolina in its Child Support Performance Factors.

According the NC Division of Social Services, every year there are over 300,000 North Carolina

families who struggle to get by due to non-custodial parents failure to pay child support. The state of NC

and Catawba County are firmly committed to enforcing the payment of child support.

To get help with your court ordered child support, contact 828-695-4405 or 1-800-992-9457.

Check out the 12 Most Wanted on the Catawba County website at

http://www.catawbacountync.gov/dss/cs/Twelve.pdf.

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30 Second PSA

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Catawba County's 12 Most Wanted NON-SUPPORTING PARENTS



Harold Lee Baker, Jr. DOB: 9/23/1964 6' 210 lbs Black Hair / Brown eyes \$22,278 Catawba County



Melanie Eckard Stafford DOB: 7/17/75 5'8" 436 5 cow ley Bloom mair \$ 63 OFA- 2 \$1,000/\$500 Burke/Catawba County-Longview area



Ricky Douglas Baucom DOB: 10/14/1962 5' 7" 175 lbs Brown/ Grey hair / Brown eyes \$11,445 Mecklenburg/Union County



Elijah Rashard Gibbs DOB: 12/2/74 5'7" 155 lbs Black hair/ Brown eyes \$6,275 Catawba County



Tony Lee Streeter DOB: 5/27/68 5'5" 140 lbs Black hair/ Brown eyes \$41,040 OFA-2 \$2,500/\$1,500 Burke/Catawba County



James Paul Cope DOB: 01/25/7 C5/ 00 A cow ha Stue eyes \$15,208 Alexander/Catawba County



Antwain L. McKinzie DOB: 10/20/67 5'9" 165 lbs Black hair/ Brown eyes \$29,427 OFA \$1,000 Mecklenburg County



John T. Rankin DOB: 2/20/74 6' 220 lbs Blond hair/ Blue eyes \$15,249 OFA \$2,000 Catawba County



Michael C. Cardwell DOS 00 22/1 5 5 9 250 35 trop o hain Blue eyes 52,385 Caldwell County



Ricky D. Carter DOB: 9/11/64 5'9" 240 lbs Bald / Blue eyes \$10,931 OFA \$5,000 Union County



Wayne Edward Clark
DOB: 11/25/68
5'5" 130 lbs
Black hair Brown eyes
\$14,848
OFA \$2,000
Caldwell/Catawba County



Jonathan S Reigheardt DOBL 1-15 5 L Gib E pw. July Blue eyes \$7,526 OFA \$2,000 Catawba County

If you know the location of any of these individuals Call Child Support Enforcement at 828-695-4405. Nights or weekends call 828-464-3112